

# NEWSLETTER

# 1<sup>st</sup> HAINAULT SCOUT GROUP

edition 1



Welcome to the first edition of our Group newsletter. Important dates and information are listed below as well as many updates about the Group.

## Group Update

With the introduction of this newsletter, we also welcome some new members to the Group. Nicola Sugg joins us as Group Secretary, and we welcome Martin Sugg, Kim Pooley, Gemma Cook, Jack Hollis, Jason Salter and Peter Bristow to the Active Support Unit.

However, we have also said goodbye to a few members who we thank for having dedicated their time to us. Pamela Wood stepped down as Group Treasurer and Group Vice President, and Phil Wray stepped down as our Group President to work on other commitments. We wish them both the best of luck!

A massive thank you goes out to everyone who helped out on the Work Day in February and the Deep Clean Day in May down at the Stockade. There is still a lot of work to be done and many more jobs to tick off. If you can help in anyway, don't be afraid to contact Mark or Eileen. Ask not what the 1<sup>st</sup> Hainault Scout Group can do for you, but what you can do for the 1st Hainault!

## Section Updates

Since the beginning of the year the sections have been very busy.

**BEAVERS** Even though the Colony has only been set up for four months they have already had a sleepover at the Stockade, been on a walk over at Hainault Forest, had an introduction to fire lighting, made and flown their own kites and learnt about maps and tracking signs.

**Cubs** In February, the Pack invited the Colony to attend a visit to the Science Museum. Much fun was had by all - especially the adults who will always be children at heart. Many thanks goes to the parents and leaders who were present to supervise our young members on the trip. On top of this our Cubs have taken part in 3 camps and have increased their knowledge of knots, first aid and cooking skills.

**SCOUTS** The Troop has taken part in some exciting activities. In February, Scouts and their parents were given the opportunity to take part in 'Gunner's Shoot Day' at the Stockade and at Easter they went on a joint camp with the Spartans Explorer Unit.

## Upcoming Events

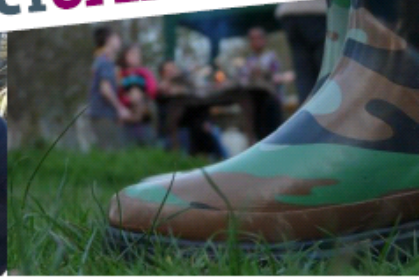
On the 17/18 July, come join the fun again as the Group holds its 2<sup>nd</sup> Group Fun Day and AGM Camp at Thriftwood Scout Activity Centre in Brentwood. On the Saturday, parents, guardians, siblings and friends are asked to join us for a day of activities. We have booked two camp sites and indoor accommodation for the Beavers to sleepover. The day will end with a Group BBQ and presentation of Group Awards. Please make every effort to attend as to make this day a great success. For more information, contact Eileen.

## Recruitment

Back in January, the 1<sup>st</sup> Hainault Scout Group welcomed the opening of its Beaver Scout Colony. The Colony now has a total of 11 members BUT we are always looking for new faces to fill our spaces. If anyone knows of any budding Beavers, please do not hesitate to ask Lee for more information.



**FAMILY CAMP** **OPEN EVENING** **RECREATION**  
**SCIENCE MUSEUM** **SIXERS** **AND** **SECONDERS** **CAMP** **RECREATION**  
**WORK DAYS** **BEAVERS** **SCOUTS** **CHURCH** **PARADE** **AWARENESS** **CAMP**  
**BEAVERS** **SLEEP OVER** **ACTIVE** **SUPPORT** **TRAINING** **INSTRUCTORS**  
**SPRING CAMP** **HAINAULT** **COMMUNITY** **PROJECT** **OPEN EVENING**



## Active Support Unit

There are now five strands to the Unit; Social and Fundraising, Building and Grounds, Activities, PR and Communication and Quartermaster. We are always looking to recruit new people to the Unit. The roles require as much or as little time you can give to it! Please contact Eileen for more information.

## Quartermaster

Many thanks to Martyn and Mark who have been the Group's interim Quartermasters while this role has been reviewed. Since the end of last year, the QM has been organised under the Active Support Unit. Many thanks to Peter Bristow who has agreed to join the team. We now have a detailed role description and any one who is interested in joining Peter, should contact Eileen.

## Social and Fundraising

Sainsbury's Active Kids scheme started on 17<sup>th</sup> February. Last year £500,000 worth of equipment and experiences benefited the Scout Association. Active Kids 2010 is even better, with loads of new products. If you shop in Sainsbury's or know someone who does, please collect the vouchers as we can get some fantastic new equipment for the Group to use. Thank you!



## Building and Grounds

The Building and Grounds at which your child attends Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers is owned by the Group and so the cost of the up keep of such is all down to the Group Executive Committee. This year so far, we have had two work days where amongst tasks; doors have been painted, grass has been cut, electrics have been repaired and the shed has been re-fitted – and this has all been done as a result of the time volunteered by the Group's leaders and you, the parents. So a big thank you to all of you who have helped so far. The next project is to relocate our stores outside and to convert the current stores into a committee room.

## Activities

CONGRATULATIONS - To Ian, Lee, Mark, and Martyn for successfully completing their NSRA Youth Tutor diploma. Many thanks to Ian for organising a successful Rifle Shooting day in February. We also congratulate Lee for passing the Amateur Radio Foundation Licence and we look forward for our Jamboree on the Air camp in October. Later in the year, some of our new Active Support Members will be completing the Archery and Climbing course so that we can continue to bring fun activities to the Group.

The Group's Open evening is soon approaching and building on last year's parents evening, we are extending an invitation to all ex-adults and youth members to attend. Food and drink will be provided for attendees to munch on and the night will be a fantastic opportunity for parents to see what their children have done over the last year, see how the group has progressed and grown, as well as have a chat with the Group's leaders.

## Calendar

**MAY**  
 22 The Dig  
 23 Church Parade

**JUNE**  
 TBC Open Evening  
 19 Group Executive Meeting

**JULY**  
 17 AGM at Camp  
 17/18 Group Fun Day and Camp  
 21 Group Executive Meeting

## Website

Don't forget about the Group's website - 1st-hainault.org.uk  
 You can find photos from recent events, information on the Group, and much, much more!